(c) if so, what is the reliability of this refurbishing and upgrading plan to ensure that these missiles will continue to be efficient and effective operationally?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. Missiles have a fixed life which, depending on various parameters, is extended, from time to time, in consultation with Directorate General of Quality Assuarance.

(b) and (c) M/s Bharat Dynamic Limited (BDL) has been nominated by the Department of Defence Production and Supplies as the Nodal Agency to carry out life extension/refurbishment of missiles held by the Defence Forces, at a cost to be negotiated. It will be the contractual liability of BDL to ensure reliability of this refurbishment and upgradation.

Infiltration from Bangladesh

1564. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the Statement given at Chandigarh on 27.9.2003 confirming infiltration from Bangladesh and state:

(a) whether Government have taken up the matter of infiltration with Bangladesh authorities to take effective measures to stop infiltration;

(b) whether Government have attributed this infiltration into India a total failure of paramilitary forces who indulge in malpractices which encourage them in their clandestine business without interruptions; and

(c) the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The Government has been holding regular discussions at diplomatic and political level with the Government of Bangladesh for taking necessary steps to control all kinds of illegal cross border movement.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

MIG Repairs

1565. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poor quality of repairs and upgrades carried out by non-Russian Companies are the major causes for MIG crashes in the country;